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1. The production of pyrites at Kvaletice is not expected to begin before 1951.

2. Some time ago, the management at Kvaletice decided that it was possible to build a flotation plant from material available in Czechoslovakia. Only a few parts would need to be imported or produced within the country. This project, however, has proved impossible to realize, and arrangements are being made to purchase a complete flotation plant

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The capacity of this plant will be 2,000 tons of slate or schist every twenty-four hours, and it is estimated that approximately 150,000 tons of pyrites will be produced yearly.

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3. The Czechs believe that a period of eight to nine months will elapse between the placing of the order for this flotation plant and the actual commencement of production. However, there is good reason to believe that this period will be at least twice as long.

Comment: A complete blockade by the West would put from one half to three quarters of all Czech sulfuric acid plants out of production in six or eight months.

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